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MEMORANDUM FOR: DDO
C/CI/DDO

FROM: Executive Director

SUBJECT: PFIAB Request for Briefing on Counter-intelligence

1. Anne ¹⁵¹⁵Armstrong would like the DDO and C/CI to brief the PFIAB at ~~1300~~ hours on 11 May about counterintelligence. The meeting will be in Room 340 Old Executive Office Building; 45 minutes for presentation and 30 minutes for questions and answers have been reserved for this purpose.

2. For your background, in February the PFIAB staff asked several questions about how the Intelligence Community is organized to detect, analyze and counter the "hostile intelligence threat." The DCI decided to respond by providing the text of his remarks to the SSCI on 11 March. PFIAB also was told that its specific questions on CIA could be more appropriately answered orally rather than in writing. (Copies of this exchange with PFIAB are attached for C/CI.) One of the PFIAB questions asked CIA to describe its "internal and external relationships." PFIAB now states that it would like to know how the Agency interfaces with the FBI domestically and overseas; and, whether CIA is involved in DoD overseas CI operations and the decisionmaking process related to them. A second question asked by PFIAB in February was for "the number of analysts you have working in counterintelligence--their background and experience in this and other intelligence-related background and experience in this and other intelligence-related areas." When the PFIAB staff was told today that this question would appear to apply more to the DI than to the DO, it said the Board is concerned that because CI information is originated and controlled in the DO, DI analysts do not have sufficient information to prepare adequate analyses. In response, the PFIAB staff was told that analysis is not the primary function of a counterintelligence organization: the identification of hostile agents and their neutralization and similar operational accomplishments which protect the U.S. is the measure of CI success. The staff said in that case rather than debate the merits of DO or DI doing analyses, the Board could be given a primer on what counterintelligence is, how the DO is organized to carry it out, the number of people in the CI staff and elsewhere doing CI-related DO analysis, as well as a brief on their functions.

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